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SUBJ: EC TARIFF RECLASSIFICATION: SEMI-CONDUCTORS

REF: STATE 237389(NOTAL), EC BRUSSELS 7070

1. COPY OF EC BRUSSELS NOTE AND MEMORANDUM ON SEMI-
CONDUCTORS WAS DELIVERED TO MINECON DIRECTOR FOR MULTI-
LATERAL AFFAIRS VAN WIJK DEC 6 WITH ORAL DEMARCHE BASED ON
PARA 3 OF FIRST REFTEL.

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2. VAN WIJK CONFIRMED THAT SEMI-CONDUCTORS QUESTION IS DEFINITELY ON AGENDA FOR DEC 12 ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE MEETING. HE SAID THAT DUTCH WILL GO INTO MEETING PREPARED TO SUPPORT EARLIER COMMISSION COMPROMISE PROPOSAL FOR TARIFF RATE OF 12 PERCENT ON UNMOUNTED SEMI-CONDUCTORS AND WAFERS. THIS PROPOSAL, ACCORDING TO VAN WIJK, WAS ORIGINALLY FLOATED AT ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE MEETING ON MAY 2, 1973 BUT FAILED AT THAT TIME BECAUSE OF INSISTENCE BY UK ON RATE OF 15 PERCENT AND BY FRANCE 17 PERCENT. VAN WIJK IS UNINFORMED AS TO PRESENT POSITION OF PARTNERS ON THIS ISSUE AND ON COMMISSION PROPOSAL.

3. VAN WIJK RECOGNIZED THAT STARTING POINT IN DISCUSSION SHOULD THEORETICALLY BE BOUND RATE OF 9 PERCENT SINCE FRG AND ITALY HAVE APPLIED 17 PERCENT RATE FOR PAST 18 MONTHS "WITHOUT FORMAL OBJECTIONS FROM ANY CONTRACTING PARTY" DUTCH FEEL THAT PROPOSED COMPROMISE RATE OF 12 PERCENT IS DEFENSIBLE WITHOUT ANY OFFER OF COMPENSATION. HE SAID THAT THE FRENCH HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED THEMSELVES AS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY COMPENSATION OFFER.
TANGUY

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